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THIRTY-FOURTH STATED MEETING OF THE AMERICAN ORNITHOLOGISTS' UNION.

BY JOHN HALL SAGE.

THE Thirty-fourth Stated Meeting of the American Ornithologists' Union convened in Philadelphia, Pa., Monday evening, November 13, 1916. The business meetings were held in the Council Room and Library, and the public sessions, commencing Tuesday, November 14, and lasting three days, in the lecture hall of the Academy of Natural Sciences.

BUSINESS SESSION. The meeting was called to order by the President, Dr. Albert K. Fisher. Twenty-three Fellows and fourteen Members were present. The Secretary's report gave the membership of the Union at the opening of the present Stated Meeting as 830, constituted as follows: Fellows, 46; Retired Fellows, 3; Honorary Fellows, 11; Corresponding Fellows, 55; Members, 77; Associates, 638.

Since the last meeting (May 1915) the Union suffered great loss by the death of several prominent members. The list includes, four Fellows, two Honorary Fellows, one Corresponding Fellow, two Members, and fifteen Associates, as follows:

Dr. Daniel Giraud Elliot,[1] a Founder and the second President of the Union, who died in New York City, December 22, 1915, in his 81st year; Prof. Wells Woodbridge Cooke,[2] a Fellow, who died in Washington, D. C., March 30, 1916, aged 58 years; Prof. Foster E. L. Beal,[3] a Fellow, who died in Branchville, Md., October 1, 1916, in the 77th year of his age; Lieut. Col. Edgar Alexander Mearns,[4] a Founder, who died in Washington, D. C., November 1, 1916, in his 61st year; Henry Eeles Dresser,[5] an Honorary Fellow, who died in Cannes, France, November 28, 1915, in his 78th year;

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[1] For an obituary notice, see Auk, XXXIII, pp. 230–231; also Memorial Address in the present number.

[2] For an obituary notice, see Auk, XXXIII, pp. 354–355.

[3] For an obituary notice see the present number.

[4] For an obituary notice see the present number.

[5] For an obituary notice see Auk, XXXIII, p. 232.

John A. Harvie-Brown,[1] of Stirlingshire, Scotland, an Honorary Fellow, who died July 26, 1916, at the age of 72 years; Lieut.-Col. Edward A. Butler,[2] a Corresponding Fellow who died April 16, 1916, at Stokesby, England; Ewen Somerled Cameron,[3] a Member, who died in Pasadena, Cal., May 25, 1915, in the 61st year of his age; Egbert Bagg,[4] a Member, who died in Utica, N. Y., July 11, 1915, at the age of 65 years; and the following Associates: Miss Mary Bissell Ferry,[5] who died in Norwalk, Conn., March 18, 1915, in her 66th year; Samuel Thorne, of New York City, who died July 4, 1915; Prof. Frederic Ward Putnam,[6] who died in Cambridge, Mass., August 4, 1915, in the 77th year of his age; Prof. Donaldson Bodine,[7] who died at Douglas Lake, Michigan, August 26, 1915, in his 49th year; Linsley Louin Jewel,[8] who died at Saranac Lake, N. Y., September 5, 1915, in his 38th year; Dr. James C. Wilson, of Boston, Mass., who died there January 5, 1916; Rev. William Rogers Lord, who died in Dover, Mass., February 2, 1916, aged 68 years; Leslie Waldo Lake,[9] who died in Hamburg, N. Y., February 7, 1916, in the 67th year of his age; De Lagnel Berier, of Ridgewood, N. J., who died February 11, 1916; Mrs. Jane L. Hine,[10] who died in Sedan, Ind., February 11, 1916, in her 85th year; Miss Caroline P. Latimer, who died in Brooklyn, N. Y., April 19, 1916; Dr. Sven Magnus Gronberger,[11] who died in Washington, D. C., April 24, 1916, in his 51st year; John Claire Wood,[12] who died in Detroit, Michigan, June 16, 1916, aged 45 years; Charles Edgar Conklin, of Roslyn, N. Y., who died September 8, 1916, and Walter R. Zappey, who died in Cambridge, Mass., February 20, 1914. (Information about the death of this party only recently reached the Secretary.)

The report of the Treasurer showed the finances of the Union to

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[1] For an obituary notice see Auk, XXXIII, p. 458.
[2] For an obituary notice see the present number.
[3] For an obituary notice see Auk, XXXII, pp. 540–541.
[4] For an obituary notice see Auk, XXXII, p. 540.
[5] For an obituary notice see the present number.
[6] For an obituary notice see Auk, XXXII, p. 541.
[7] For an obituary notice see the present number.
[8] For an obituary notice see Auk, XXXIII, p. 459.
[9] For an obituary notice, see Auk, XXXIII, p. 233.
[10] For an obituary notice, see the present number.
[11] For an obituary notice, see Auk, XXXIII, p. 355.
[12] For an obituary notice, see Auk, XXXIII, pp. 459–460.

be in a satisfactory condition, the accounts being audited by a Certified Accountant.

All of the officers were re-elected as follows: Albert K. Fisher, President; Henry W. Henshaw and Witmer Stone, Vice-Presidents; John H. Sage, Secretary; Jonathan Dwight, Treasurer; Ruthven Deane, William Dutcher, Joseph Grinnell, Frederic A. Lucas, Wilfred H. Osgood, Chas. W. Richmond, and Thos. S. Roberts, members of the Council.

James H. Fleming, Toronto, Canada; Harry S. Swarth, Berkeley, Cal.; and W. E. Clyde Todd, Pittsburgh, Pa.; were elected Fellows. Sergius Alexandrovich Buturlin, Wesenberg, Esthonia, Russia; Prof. Dr. Max Fürbringer, Heidelberg, Germany; and Dr. Hans Friedrich Gadow, of Cambridge, England; were elected Honorary Fellows. Dr. William L. Abbott, Philadelphia, Pa.; David Armitage Bannerman, London, England; Dr. Valentine Bianchi, St. Petersburg, Russia; Dr. Roberto Dabbene, Buenos Aires, Argentina; Alwyn Karl Haagner, Pretoria, South Africa; Robert Hall, Rest Harrow, Hobart, Tasmania; Dr. Einar Lönnberg, Stockholm, Sweden; Dr. Percy R. Lowe, The Hatch, Windsor, England; Dr. Auguste Ménégaux, Paris, France; and Harry Forbes Witherby, of Hampstead, England; were elected Corresponding Fellows. F. Seymour Hersey, Taunton, Mass.; A. Brazier Howell, Covina, Cal.; and J. Eugene Law, of Hollywood, Cal.; were elected to the class of Members, and the following one hundred and seventy persons were elected Associates:

Charles Pons Aimar, M.D., Charleston, S. C.
Mrs. Amelia S. Allen, Berkeley, Calif.
Stanley Clisby Arthur, New Orleans, La.
Mrs. Clarence A. Aspinwall, Washington, D. C.
Harold Lester Babcock, M.D., Dedham, Mass.
Dr. Wm. Frederic Badé, Berkeley, Calif.
Aaron C. Bagg, Holyoke, Mass.
Egbert Bagg, Jr., Utica, N. Y.
S. Prentiss Baldwin, Gates' Mill, Ohio.
Clifford Mann Balkam, Colorado Springs, Colo.
Ira Barrows, Sea Bright, N. J.
Marion William Batchelor, Kansas City, Mo.
James F. Beal, Ann Arbor, Mich.
Benjamin Franklin Bemis, Gleasondale, Mass.
A. J. Blake, Corvallis, Oregon.

Mrs. Emma T. Bodine, Crawfordsville, Ind.
Dan H. Bowman, Mizpah, Mont.
Howarth Stanley Boyle, New York City.
Joseph S. Briggs, Norristown, Pa.
Charles D. Bunker, Lawrence, Kas.
E. Ray Burton, Delaware, Ohio.
Chalmers S. Brumbaugh, Baltimore, Md.
Prof. Walter Guyton Cady, Middletown, Conn.
Henry A. Caesar, New York City.
Chas. L. Camp, Berkeley, Calif.
George G. Cantwell, Puyallup, Wash.
Hall Bryant Carpenter, Somerville, Mass.
Eugene S. Cattron, Portland, Oregon.
Omar P. Chase, Andover, Mass.
Mrs. Arthur E. Clarke, Manchester, N. H.
Miss Mary S. Clarke, Bristow, Va.
George J. Cooke, Ambler, Pa.
Julian Dana Corrington, Ithaca, N. Y.
Clifford Cronk, Monterey, Mass.
Haskell Brooks Curry, Boston, Mass.
William Shepard Dana, Mastic, Long Island, N. Y.
Stuart T. Danforth, East Jaffrey, N. H.
Chas. E. Dankers, Corning, Mo.
Harold K. Decker, West New Brighton, N. Y.
William M. Derby, Jr., Chicago, Ill.
Homer R. Dill, Iowa City, Iowa.
Joseph Scattergood Dixon, Berkeley, Calif.
Miss Helen Dwise, Washington, D. C.
Wm. L. G. Edson, Rochester, N. Y.
William Otto Emerson, Hayward, Calif.
Evan M. Evans, New York, N. Y.
Arthur Farquhar, York, Pa.
Allan Hart Faxon, Southbridge, Mass.
Dudley B. Fay, Boston, Mass.
Mrs. E. S. Finney, St. Davids, Pa.
Thomas M. Fitzpatrick, Brookline, Mass.
Edward Fleischer, Brooklyn, N. Y.
Charles Benton Floyd, Auburndale, Mass.
Mrs. Annie Middaugh Folger, Devils Lake, No. Dak.
Nathan Chandler Foot, M.D., Hyde Park P. O., Mass.
Frank B. Foster, Haverford, Pa.
Henry J. Fry, Germantown, Pa.
Walter Fry, Three Rivers, Calif.
Henry C. Fuller, Washington, D. C.
Dr. Julius Garst, Worcester, Mass.
Edward N. Goding, Boston, Mass.

Walter A. Goeletz, Ravinia, Ill.
Luther J. Goldman, Berkeley, Calif.
Charles Crawford Gorst, Cambridge, Mass.
Alfred M. Gould, Malden, Mass.
Mrs. Adele Lewis Grant, Columbia, Calif.
George M. Gray, Woods Hole, Mass.
Mrs. Anna K. Grow, Lebanon, N. H.
Charles Overton Handley, Lewisburg, W. Va.
John L. Harvey, Waltham, Mass.
Richard E. Harrison, New Haven, Conn.
Miss Sadia Haskell, Washington, D. C.
Dr. Royal Hatch, Wellesley, Mass.
Theodore L. Hermann, West New Brighton, N. Y.
Mrs. Eleanor Hitchcock, Waterbury, Conn.
Oliver W. Holton, Ithaca, N. Y.
Charles B. Horton, Pittsburgh, Pa.
Isaac Chester Horton, Canton, Mass.
Irving R. Hough, Meriden, Conn.
Clarence Ancbresen Hubbard, Portland, Oregon.
Prof. Marian E. Hubbard, Wellesley, Mass.
Ralph Hubbard, Ithaca, N. Y.
Prof. James Franklin Illingsworth, Honolulu, H. I.
Edwin Leroy Jack, Portland, Maine.
Alphonse Jay, Los Angeles, Calif.
Dr. Harris Kennedy, Readville, Mass.
Frederick S. Kingsbury, Needham, Mass.
Louisa W. Lasell, Cliftondale, Mass.
Roy A. Latham, Orient, L. I., N. Y.
Mrs. Lawrence Lee, Albuquerque, New Mexico.
Claude Willard Leister, Ithaca, N. Y.
Aldo Leopold, Albuquerque, New Mexico.
Nathan Leopold, Jr., Chicago, Ill.
Hoyes Lloyd, Toronto, Ontario, Canada.
Thomas Henry Lord, Mattapoisett, Mass.
Henry Joseph Lund, San Jose, Calif.
Mrs. A. B. McMillen, Albuquerque, New Mexico.
Douglas C. Mabbott, Washington, D. C.
Miss Hazel MacDonald, Kersey, Colo.
Alfred Marshall, Chicago, Ill.
Miss Janet Martin, Milford, Conn.
John B. May, M.D., Cohasset, Mass.
Mrs. Edith Clark Maynard, Northampton, Mass.
Miss M. Mead, Winnetka, Ill.
Mrs. Elisabeth C. T. Miller, Cleveland, Ohio.
Enos A. Mills, Estes Park, Colo.
Mason Mitchell, Apia, Samoa.

Harry Lee Moody, Lake Wilson, Minn.
Raymond Wheatley Moore, Kensington, Md.
Walter C. Newberry, Winnemucca, Nev.
Miss Elizabeth Nichols, Providence, R. I.
Miss Eleanor G. Noble, Cambridge, Mass.
Edward Norris, Philadelphia, Pa.
Robert R. Ozmer, Decatur, Ga.
R. H. Palmer, Pocatello, Idaho.
Edward Ludlow Parker, Concord, Mass.
Mrs. Frederic H. Pattee, Evanston, Ill.
Earl L. Poole, Reading, Pa.
W. F. Provo, Wickliffe, Ohio.
Nelson D. W. Pumyea, Mt. Holly, N. J.
Milton Smith Ray, San Francisco, Calif.
H. Severn Regar, Norristown, Pa.
Alex. Reed, Washington, Pa.
Mrs. Victor M. Reichenberger, New York City.
Robert Riddle, Philadelphia, Pa.
S. Earl Riddle, Chester, Pa.
Harry Rief, Seattle, Wash.
Mrs. John R. Rogers, Brooklyn, N. Y.
Oscar Frederick Schaefer, Flaggstaff, Ariz.
Julius Jacob Schneider, Anaheim, Calif.
Samuel Scoville, Jr., Haverford, Pa.
H. A. Scullen, Ames, Iowa.
William R. Sears, Boston, Mass.
William J. Serrill, Haverford, Pa.
Henry S. Shaw, Jr., Dover, Mass.
Harley B. Sherman, Ann Arbor, Mich.
G. L. Shirley, Dayton, Va.
Thomas Silsbee, Boston, Mass.
James Silver, Washington, D. C.
M. P. Skinner, Yellowstone Nat. Park, Wyoming.
Lester W. Smith, Meriden, Conn.
Mrs. Wallis Craig Smith, Saginaw, Mich.
Richard P. Stapleton, Holyoke, Mass.
Tracy Irwin Storer, Berkeley, Calif.
Mrs. Herman F. Straw, Manchester, N. H.
Mrs. A. B. Stroup, Albuquerque, New Mexico.
J. A. Sweeney, Halsey, Neb.
Samuel A. Tatnall, Philadelphia, Pa.
August F. Taylor, Fowler, Colo.
Dr. Walter P. Taylor, Washington, D. C.
Warner Taylor, Madison, Wisc.
Frank Milton Ruthven Thackaberry, Tampico, Ill.
J. Walcott Thompson, Salt Lake City, Utah.

Miss Julia A. Thorns, Asheboro, N. C.
Robie Wilfrid Tufts, Wolfville, Nova Scotia.
Mrs. David C. Twichell, Albuquerque, New Mexico.
Henry Lorenz Viereck, Washington, D. C.
Mrs. William R. Walton, Albuquerque, New Mexico.
Dr. Geo. A. Webster, Boston, Mass.
T. Walter Weiseman, Emsworth, Pa.
Charles Spangler Weiser, York, Pa.
Dr. Otto Westerfeldt, San Francisco, Calif.
Mrs. India Taylor Whaler, Princeton, N. J.
Mrs. James W. Wheeler, Tucson, Ariz.
Charles Livy Whittle, Cambridge, Mass.
William Henry Wiegmann, M.D., New York City.
Nelson E. Wilmot, West Haven, Conn.
Miss Elizabeth M. Winch, Canton, Mass.
Mrs. Henry Martyn Witter, Worcester, Mass.
George B. Wood, M.D., Philadelphia, Pa.

A committee of five from the membership of the Union will soon be appointed to obtain contributions to a permanent endowment fund for research and publication in ornithology.

PUBLIC SESSIONS. *First Day.* The meeting was called to order by the President, Dr. Fisher. An address of welcome was made by Dr. Samuel G. Dixon, on behalf of the Academy of Natural Sciences.

The papers of the morning session were as follows:

'In Memoriam — Daniel Giraud Elliot,' by Dr. Frank M. Chapman.

'In Memoriam — Wells Woodbridge Cooke,' by Dr. T. S. Palmer.

'A New Name for an Old Friend,' by Harry C. Oberholser. Read by Dr. Palmer in the absence of the author.

'The Life and Writings of Professor F. E. L. Beal,' by W. L. McAtee.

'Bird Migration in Central Africa,' by James P. Chapin, Illustrated by lantern slides.

'Bird Casualties,' by Mrs. E. O. Marshall.

A letter was read by Prof. Paul Bartsch in relation to a memorial fountain to Prof. Wells W. Cooke which it is proposed to erect in the grounds of the Smithsonian Institution, Washington, D. C.

The first paper of the afternoon was:

'Meadowlark Duets,' by Henry Oldys. Illustrated by whistled songs of meadowlarks.

Next came 'An Ornithological Reconnaissance in South America,' by Dr. Frank M. Chapman.

The remaining papers, both illustrated by lantern slides, were:

'Photographing Gulls at the Panama-Pacific Exposition,' by Joseph Mailliard.

'Concerning Bird Banding,' by Howard H. Cleaves.

In the evening members of the A. O. U., and the Delaware Valley Ornithological Club, with their friends, met at dinner at "The Roosevelt," 2027 Chestnut St., Philadelphia — one hundred and forty-four persons being present. An unique feature, immediately following the dinner, was the display, on a screen, of pictures depicting prominent ornithologists from the juvenal to adult plumage!

Second Day. The meeting was called to order by the President.

The papers of the morning session were:

'Woodcraft and Sparrow-proof Bird Boxes,' by Ernest Thompson Seton.

'What Determines the Length of Incubation,' by Dr. W. H. Bergtold.

'A Review of the Diving Petrels (Pelecanoididæ),' by Robert Cushman Murphy and Francis Harper. Presented by Mr. Murphy.

'Two Birds from the Gulf of California,' by Dr. Paul Bartsch. Illustrated by lantern slides.

'Exhibition of Hybrid Ducks with Comments,' by Louis Agassiz Fuertes. Remarks followed by Messrs. Deane and Murphy, Drs. Stone, Bergtold, Bishop, and Bartsch, and the author.

'Attempts to record with the camera the food of some native birds,' by Edward Howe Forbush. Illustrated by lantern slides.

'The Nesting of the Cock of the Rock,' by Leo E. Miller.

'Field notes on *Chunga burmeisteri*,' by Howarth S. Boyle.

The following papers were presented at the afternoon session, Vice President Stone in the chair, all but one being illustrated by motion pictures:

'The Home Life of our Common Birds,' by Herbert K. Job.

'Bird Reservations of the Gulf Coast,' by Herbert K. Job.

'Some problems with every day Birds,' by Dr. Arthur A. Allen. Illustrated by lantern slides.

'Gannets of Bonaventure Island, Gulf of St. Lawrence,' by Percy A. Taverner. Presented by Dr. Frank M. Chapman.

'Wild Geese at Jack Miner's place, Kingville, Ont.,' by Percy A. Taverner. Presented by Edward Howe Forbush.

'Home Life of Various Minnesota Birds,' by Dr. Thos. S. Roberts.

In the evening the visiting members of the Union attended a reception and smoker in the Ornithological rooms of the Academy.

Third Day. The meeting was called to order by the President.

The papers of the morning were:

'Bird Study and Life,' by W. Leon Dawson.

'Geographical Distribution of Color in the Genus *Junco* and its significance as a Test of Species,' by Dr. Jonathan Dwight.

'The Shedding of Stomach Lining by Birds, particularly as Exemplified by the Anatidæ,' by W. L. McAtee. Illustrated by lantern slides.

'Some Relationships of the North American Passeres,' by Dr. Spencer Trotter. Illustrated by lantern slides.

At the afternoon session, Vice-President Stone in the Chair, the following papers were presented:

'Personalia in Ornithology — Report of the Committee on Biography and Bibliography,' by Dr. T. S. Palmer.

'Birds of the Athabaska and Great Slave Lake Region,' by Francis Harper. Illustrated by lantern slides.

'Our Eastern Flycatchers and their Nesting Sites,' by William L. Baily. Illustrated by lantern slides.

'Washington Coast Bird Reservations,' by Prof. Lynds Jones.

'Notes on the External Structure of Woodpeckers,' by W. DeWitt Miller. Remarks followed by the Chair.

The following papers, in the absence of the authors, were read by title:

'In Audubon's Labrador,' by Dr. Chas. W. Townsend.

'Notes on some British Guiana Birds,' by C. William Beebe.

'Notes on Long Island Birds,' by Ludlow Griscom.

'Notes on Long Island Birds,' by Robert Cushman Murphy, and John Treadwell Nichols.

'Bird Day in the Querigua Forest, Guatemala,' by Samuel N. Rhoads.

Resolutions were adopted thanking the Academy of Natural Sciences for the use of the hall for a place of meeting for the Union, and for other courtesies extended; to the Local Committee and other Philadelphia ornithologists for the cordial welcome and most generous hospitality shown visiting members and friends of the Union during its Thirty-fourth Stated Meeting, and to the Zoölogical Society of Philadelphia for its kind invitation to visit the Gardens of the Society.

After the adoption of the resolutions the President, Dr. Fisher, spoke of the attention paid the visiting members of the Union by the local ornithologists, and voiced the sentiment of all that the sessions just closing were the most interesting and enjoyable since the foundation of the Union.

On Friday, November 17, after adjournment of the Union, Dr. Spencer Trotter conducted a party to "Mill Grove," on the Perkiomen, the former home of Audubon and to "Fatland Ford" the former home of Mrs. Audubon. The same day Messrs. J. Fletcher Street and Samuel Scoville, Jr., acted as guides for a party visiting the Pine Barrens of New Jersey. On Saturday, November 18, several members of the Union went to the grave of Alexander Wilson in the Old Swedes Church Yard on Water Street, Philadelphia and the Bonaparte house where the ornithologist once resided was also visited.

The registered attendance of members at the Stated Meeting just closed was larger than ever before, and the number of new members elected will please every one interested in the continued success of the Union.

The next meeting of the Union will be held in Cambridge, Mass. in 1917, the date to be determined by the local committee.

JOHN H. SAGE,
Secretary.